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ACT (FPA)

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1. IT HAS OCCURRED TO US THAT THE FOLLOWING HYPOTHETICAL
CALCULATIONS IN SUPPORT OF STATEMENTS CONTAINED IN PARA 3
OF REFTEL MIGHT BE OF INTEREST TO THE DEPARTMENT.

2. ONE OF THE BOATS DETAINED ON SATURDAY WAS THE CITY OF
LISBON WHICH IS 512 NET REGISTERED TONS (NRT), LETS CALL
IT 500 FOR EASE OF CALCULATION. THE COST OF A MATRICULA
WOULD HAVE BEEN \$700 AND THE LICENSE ITSELF (AT \$60 PER
NRT) WOULD HAVE BEEN \$30,000; FOR A TOTAL MATRICULATION AND
LICENSE COST OF \$30,700.

3. ACTUAL CATCH CAPACITY OF A TUNA BOAT IN TONNAGE IS
USUALLY ONE-AND-ONE-HALF TO TWO TIMES THE NET REGISTERED
TONNAGE. AS A MINIMUM, THEREFORE, A 500 NRT BOAT HAS A
750 TON CATCH CAPACITY AND A MAXIMUM OF 1000 TONS.
TAKE AT A VALUE OF \$585 PER TON LANDED IN SAN DIEGO
THE ESTIMATED MINIMUM VALUE OF A 500 NRT VESSEL'S
CATCH WOULD BE \$438,750, THE MAXIMUM WOULD BE
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\$585,000. COMPARED AGAINST THESE MINIMUM AND

MAXIMUM VALUES, THE PERCENTAGE COST OF THE LICENSE
FEE RANGES BETWEEN 7 AND SLIGHTLY MORE THAN 5 PERCENT,
ASSUMING OF COURSE THAT ALL THE CATCH IS TAKEN IN
EUCADOREAN CLAIMED WATERS.
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